



Chapter XXII

MEMORY CARD



OMBRE
DE LOUP.



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REMEMBER.



THAT DAY...

...NEAR THE
OLD PLANT.



YOU GOT A GLIMPSE
OF OUR WILL TO LIVE.

THAT IS WHEN YOU
DECIDED TO BECOME
ONE OF US.



IS THAT
ME?



I'M A
MONSTER...

IT'S YOUR
NATURE, OMBRE:
TO BE A WOLF
AMONG MEN.

YOU FOUND YOUR REAL
FAMILY IN US.

DON'T
LISTEN TO THIS
HARPY!





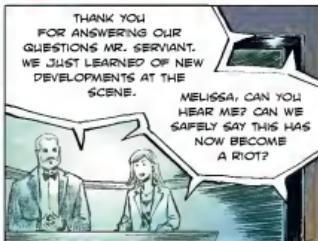
THIS AUTOCRATIC GOVERNMENT LIED TO ALL OF US. IT DOESN'T CARE ABOUT YOUNG PEOPLE AND INSTEAD CONCENTRATES ON ITS ELECTORATE. BUT WE WON'T BACK DOWN! WE WON'T LET THEM PASS THIS LAW!



WE ALL WANTED TO BECOME HEROES TO SERVE PEOPLE AND BE RIGHTEOUS. HOW DARE THEY DO THAT TO US? THIS IS UNFAIR!

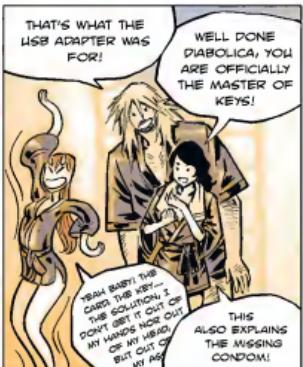


THE STUDENTS' MOVEMENT IS GAINING NEW SUPPORTERS EVERY DAY. 76% OF THE PUBLIC SUPPORTS THE MOVEMENT WHILE 21% ARE AGAINST AND 2% DON'T HAVE AN OPINION ON THE SUBJECT.





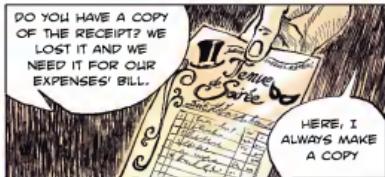


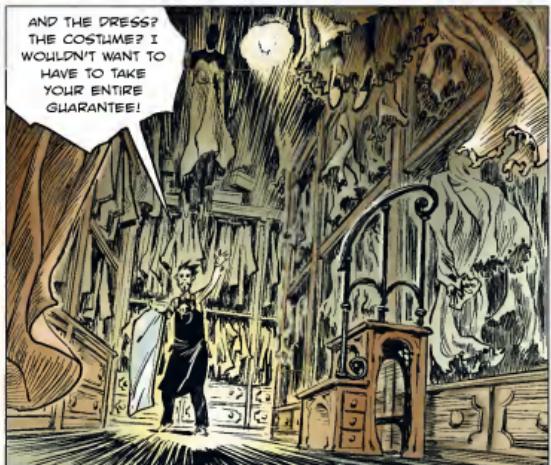




WE LIVE IN A
WEIRD WORLD... A GIANT
LEGO® IS DESTROYING
EVERYTHING WHILE THE
RIOTS ARE AT THEIR
PEAK...

















IF OMBRE HADN'T DESTROYED HIM I WOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF IT.



AND I'M XIONG MAO.

ZIOLIN MEW?

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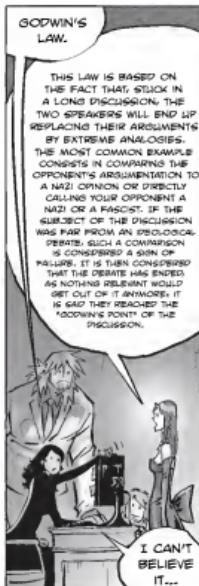
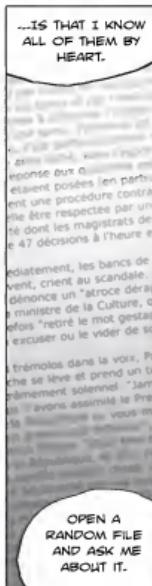
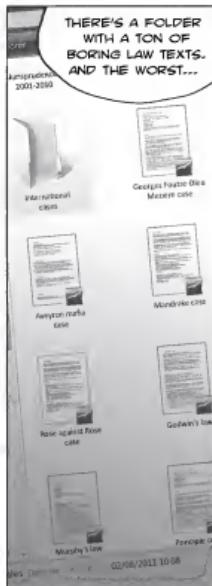
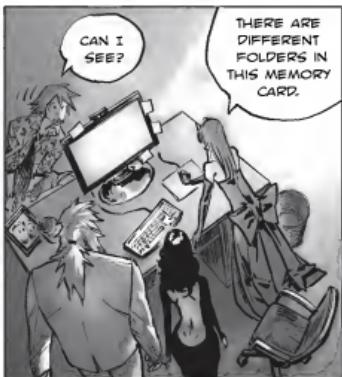
WE SHOULD PROBABLY GET HIM TO THE INFIRMARY.

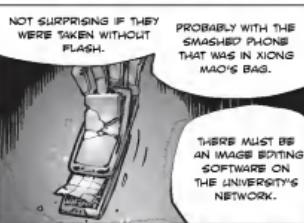
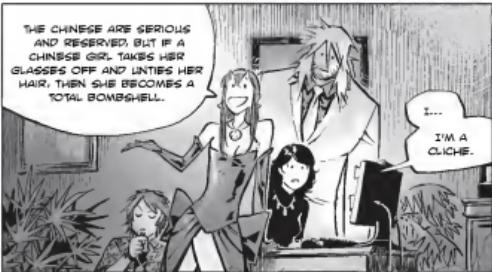
DON'T WORRY ABOUT HIM.



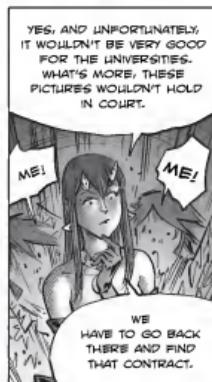
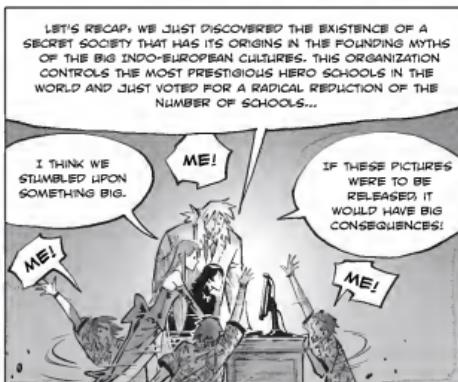
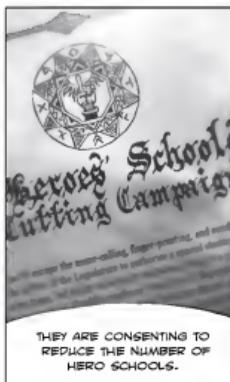
HE CAN REGENERATE. YOU CAN BREAK ALL THE BONES IN HIS BODY AND HE WILL ALWAYS GO BACK TO HIS ORIGINAL STATE.

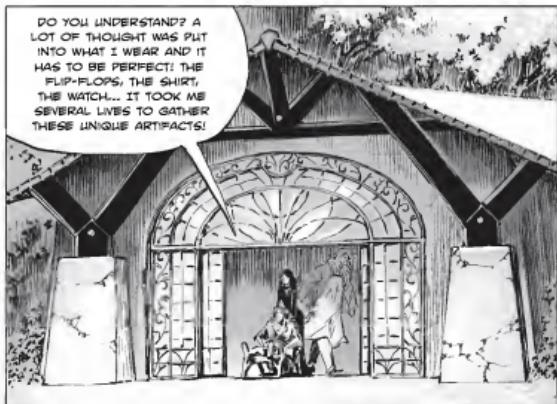
I'M SADDENED BY YOUR BEHAVIOR!
HARSH METHODS AND TORTURE
ARE BARBARIC!













"IN WHERE THE JOKES IS THAT HE'LL WANT TO TAKE A PISSE, 'PISS PIP' IN FRENCH. HER NAME IS PIPISTRELLE. YOU GET IT.



BUT LET'S GO BACK TO TWO NIGHTS AGO... THE NIGHT WHEN YOU MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED.

JUST TO GIVE YOU SOME CONTEXT, WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT THE F.A.E.H.'S DEAN, GEOFFROY DUDIKOV, FOR SEVERAL MONTHS NOW.



THE UNIVERSITY'S ARCHIVES BURNED IN '79. WE NEEDED DUDIKOV'S TESTIMONY AS WELL AS COPIES OF THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO PROVE THE AGE OF THE F.A.E.H. UNFORTUNATELY, THE GUY LIVES LIKE A HERMIT IN A FORTIFIED BUNKER.



I DEVISED AN ATTACK PLAN WORTHY OF THE BEST STRATEGISTS AND YOU NEARLY MADE IT TO THE HEART OF THE FORTRESS.

TO GET AROUND THIS, I HAD YOU INFILTRATE THE THIRD YEARS' GRADUATION CEREMONY. DUDIKOV ALWAYS MAKES AN APPEARANCE DURING THE CEREMONY. IT WAS OUR LAST CHANCE TO CATCH HIM BEFORE THE LAW WAS PASSED.



BUT DUE TO SOME OF THE TRAPS BEING IMPOSSIBLE TO PASS, WE HAD TO FALL BACK.



EVERYTHING WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN UNTIL WE TRIED TO FOLLOW HIM IN A SECRET PASSAGE HIDDEN IN THE LOCKER ROOM. WE WERE ATTACKED THERE AND I HEROICALLY SACRIFICED MYSELF TO COVER YOU SO YOU COULD FOLLOW DUDIKOV. I LOST MY WATCH DURING THE FIGHT.



WHAT TIME WAS IT WHEN WE GOT SEPARATED?

AFTER MIDNIGHT, MAYBE 00:15. I DIDN'T PAY ATTENTION TO IT.

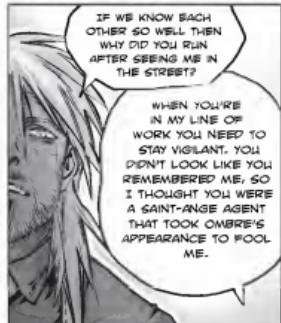


IF WE KNOW EACH OTHER SO WELL THEN WHY DID YOU RUN AFTER SEEING ME IN THE STREET?

WHEN YOU'RE IN MY LINE OF WORK YOU NEED TO STAY VIGILANT. YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU REMEMBERED ME, SO I THOUGHT YOU WERE A SAINT-ANGE AGENT THAT TOOK OMBRE'S APPEARANCE TO FOOL ME.

EVERYTHING FITS. IT PAINS ME TO ADMIT IT, BUT IT'S CREDIBLE.

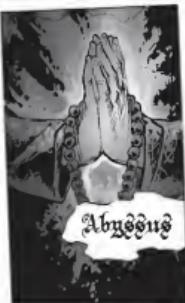
SO WE'LL HAVE TO TRUST HIM... FOR NOW.



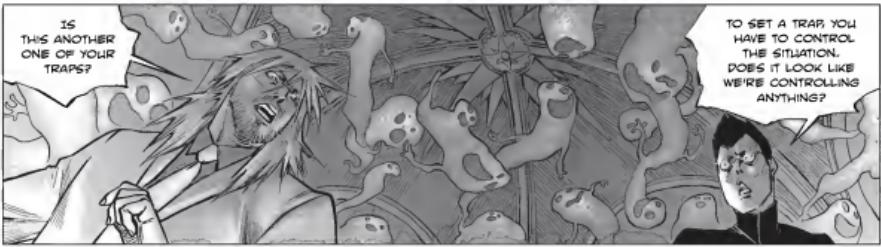


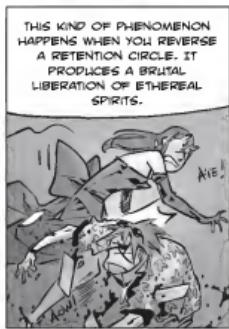
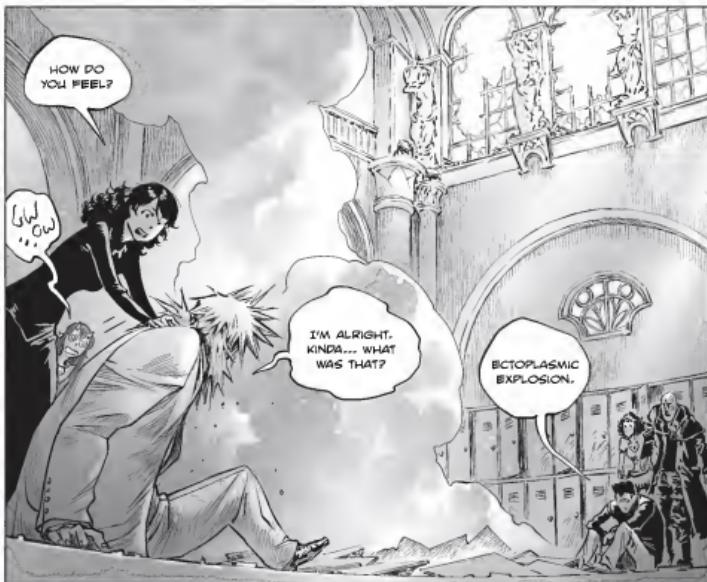
YES I DO.
BUT CALL ME
THAT AGAIN AND
I'LL PUT IT
IN YOUR...















...FORGETTING YOU HAD RAZORBACK. THIS SWORD PRACTICALLY MAKES YOU INVINCIBLE.

TO OVERCOME THIS DIFFICULTY, WE FOLLOWED OMBRE AND XIONG MAO'S TRACKS, THE ONES FROM THE MONTHS PRECEDING THE FIGHT BETWEEN CHANCE AND ANGE IN THE OLD CATHEDRAL. ANGE SUSPECTED THAT YOU HAD FORGED THE SWORD DURING THIS PERIOD. HE HOPED TO FIND A WAY TO DESTROY THE SWORD BY DISCOVERING HOW IT WAS MADE.

YOUR TRACKS LED TO AN ELEVATOR THAT SEEMED TO GO VERY DEEP...



THIS CABIN COULD GO DOWN TO HELL AND WE ALL KNOW WHAT COULD COME OUT OF IT...



WHAT HAPPENS DOWN THERE ISN'T OUR PROBLEM ANYMORE.

ANGE WENT ONTO A PATH OF VENGEANCE UNWORTHY OF A HERO. WE WON'T FOLLOW HIM IN HIS PARANOID TRIP.

TO GET BACK TO OUR STORY: THE FAMOUS NIGHT TWO DAYS AGO, AT PRECISELY MIDNIGHT, CHANCE WAS WITH LYNETTE.

I TOOK LYNETTE HOSTAGE.

TO CUT THE NEGOTIATIONS SHORT, CHANCE SWALLOWED THE KEY.

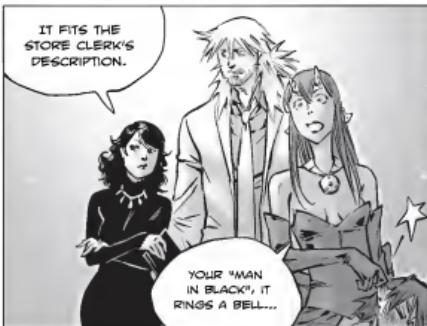


IT WAS THREE VERSUS ONE, WE HAD YOU.

THAT'S WHEN A MAN DRESSED IN BLACK SAVED YOU.

WE INTERCEPTED YOU BEFORE YOU GAVE THE KEY TO THE OTHERS.

WE GOT OUR ASSES HANDED TO US. WE WOKE UP GAGGED AND TIED UP. WE ONLY MANAGED TO GET FREE THE DAY AFTER THAT AND WE WENT AFTER YOU. YOU KNOW THE REST.



LYNETTE... SHORT, WITH BIG GLASSES?

AND DELICIOUSLY CHUBBY.

IT FITS THE STORE CLERK'S DESCRIPTION.

YOUR "MAN IN BLACK", IT RINGS A BELL...

TALL, BROWN HAIR, VERY PALE, WEARING A LARGE HAT?

YES, THAT'S HIM.



WAIT!

MY MEMORY IS COMING BACK!

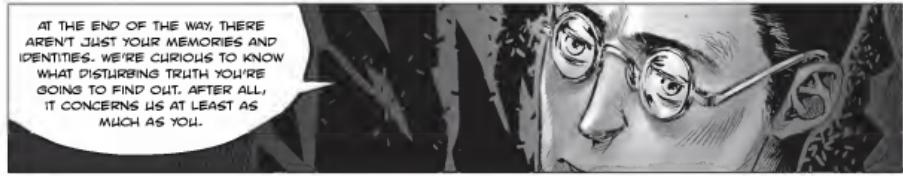
THAT MAN IN BLACK, THAT'S...

THAT'S...

MY BOYFRIEND! I'M IN A RELATIONSHIP!!!

AND I HAVE AN ENGAGEMENT RING!!!

SHOW-OFFS.







"A giant Lego® is destroying the town. Everyone is panicking. As the protesters cannot contain the creature's savagery, the army finally arrives. The collateral damage is considerable!"

Émile Roger for the *Nouvel Objecteur*

"If he's a man of his word, the Minister of the Interior will resign. Whatever the results against this monster may be, nothing justifies the damage done to national monuments! Instead of using the army, the Minister should have called the few heroes still in the country to establish a crisis cell as soon as possible."

Serge Ferrand, opposition representative



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